

## REMARKS

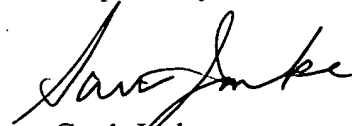
The application was filed September 28, 2005 so as to meet the requirements of 37 CFR §1.495(b) to avoid abandonment of the application, i.e., the basic national fee of \$300 was submitted to the US/DO/EO under 35 USC §371 and a copy of the above-captioned international application had previously been communicated to the US/DO/EO by the International Bureau. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the under-signed's deposit account only for any deficiency in fee payment that must be made up to avoid abandonment of the application.

No claims count calculation has been made, and no excess claim fees were paid or are authorized to be paid because it is applicant's intention to eliminate the multiple dependencies and reduce the claims count prior to examination of the application.

The present Amendment cancels all of the claims and adds back the two independent claims of the Amended Sheets received February 3, 2005, slightly reformatted. It is understood that additional claims will be added at a later date.

The Preliminary Amendment is considered timely because Applicant has not yet completed the initial national stage submissions insofar as an oath or declaration of the inventor has not yet been submitted as required under 35 USC §371(c)(4), and because Applicant has not yet requested examination nor paid the required examination and search fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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